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Preliminary Statement

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Sir:

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application Number 10/066,057, filed January 31, 2002, which is a divisional of United States Patent Application Number 09/654,357, filed September 1, 2000, which issued as United States Patent Number 6,384,087.

The specification has been amended and new claims have been added as discussed below. This is one of six concurrently filed related applications: High Calcium Foodstuffs For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199297), Methods Of Promoting Calcium Consumption For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199326), Dietary Plans Based on Calcium (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199298), Materials and Methods of Regulating Body Weight (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202097), Method of Reducing Risk of a Weight-related Health Disease (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202098) and Materials and Methods of Regulating Body Weight in Nonhuman Animals (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202099).